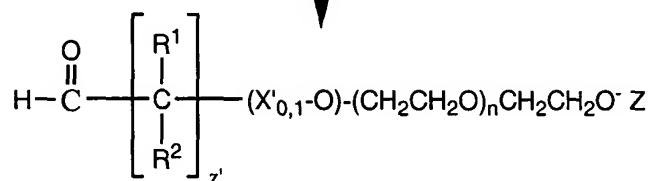


Acetal precursor having an anionic site, where M^+ is a metal counterion, and $(\text{X}'_{0,1}\text{-O})$ indicates a linker terminating in an alkoxide, where $\text{X}'_{0,1}\text{-O}$ when taken together may be simply "O", or the portion X' may comprise any of the herein described linkers or combinations of linkers.

terminate H^+/HOH
optionally end cap

hydrolyze to polymer alkanal



$\text{Z}=\text{H}$ or end-capping group

FIG. 1